COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday, *the* *12th of August 1931.* / *27th of Karkadagam 1106.*

The House met at half-past eleven of the clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. K. G. Nayar, K. T. Mathew, P. K. Subramania Ayyar and K. Ramunni Menon were absent.

Questions and answers

Works in Public Works Department.

161. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of works above Rs. 1,000 undertaken by the Public Works Department in the years 1104, 1105 and 1106 for which no provision was made in the budget?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Statement of all the works undertaken by the department during the years 1104 and 1105 are placed on the Council table. The Member may kindly compare them with the budget of the year concerned for the information required.

It is not possible at the closing part of the year to furnish a consolidated list for 1106 before the end of the year.

Claims of two clerks in the Revenue Department.

162. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the Diwan Peishkar's Proceedings, service order No. 72 of 1106;

(b) 1. on how many occasions did Mr. A. R. Raman act on 60—80; for how long and what was his work;

2. when was Mr. A. R. Raman confirmed on Rs. 40 and what was his appointment at the time of confirmation and what was Mr. C. Sankara Menon's permanent pay at the time of Mr. Raman's confirmation and what was his post then;

3 what are the various appointments held by Mr. Raman and for how long in each capacity;

(c) has Mr. Raman undergone account training in the Office of the Comptroller of Accounts and has he acted as Manager of Land Record Office and if so when and how long;

(d) i. is the Government in possession of any certificate granted to Mr. Raman by Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar; if so will a copy of the same be placed on the table;

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ii. had Mr. Raman applied for the post of the Circle Inspector in the Excise Department; what were the recommendations of the Land Record Superintendent and the Diwan Peishkar in forwarding his petition to the Government and what was the date of those recommendations;

(e) what are the various appointments held by Mr. C. Sankara Menon, how long in each capacity and his pay on each occasion;

(f) has Mr. Raman put in appeal petition to the Diwan from the Diwan Peishkar's service order referred to above; if so, will a copy of the appeal petition be placed on the table, what were the final orders of the Diwan in the matter;

(g) was the attention of the Government drawn to the articles 'സോദരന്റെ സമാധാനം' in the issue of Sahodaran newspaper, dated 2nd Kumbham 1106 and 'സോദരന്റെ അപ്രീതി കാരണം' in its issue dated 16th Kumbham 1106; is there any truth about the relationship referred to in these articles about C. Sankara Menon, the Land Record Superintendent and the Diwan Peishkar; if so, what is the relationship between each of them?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) A copy of the Ex-Diwan Peishkar's service order No. 72 dated 20—6—06 is appended (*Appendix I.*)

(b) 1. On three occasions as shown below:—

(i) Acting State Surveyor from 15—8—05 to 3—9—05.

(ii) Acting Manager, Survey and Land Records Office from 4—9—05 to 31—11—05.

(iii) S. P. T. State Surveyor from 5—1—06 to 20—6—06.

2. On 1st Meenam 1102, Mr. A. R. Raman was appointed as Probationary Revenue Inspector on Rs. 40. He was then acting as clerk on Rs. 30 in the Diwan Peishkar's Office. At that time Mr. Sankara Menon had no permanent appointment and was only an acting clerk on Rs. 35 in the Diwan Peishkar's Office.

3. The particulars are given below:—

S. P. T. clerk, Diwan Peishkar's Office, pay Rs. 25 from 16—3—02 to 20—6—02.

Acting clerk, do, Rs. 30 from 9—7—02 to 29—7—02.

Probationary Revenue Inspector, Rs. 40 from 1—8—02 to 5—8—04.

Revenue Inspector, Chittalappilli, Rs. 40 from 6—8—04 to 3—3—05.

Do. Adur, Rs. 40 from 4—3—05 to 14—8—05.

Acting State surveyor, Rs. 55, 15—8—05 to 3—9—05.

Acting Manager, Land Records Office, Rs. 55, 4—9—05 to 31—11—05.

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Revenue Inspector, Chittalapilli, Rs. 40, 1—12—05 to 4—1—06.

S. P. T. State Surveyor, Rs. 60 from 5—1—06 to 20—6—06.

(c) Yes. For the latter part of question, vide answers to sub-divisions (b) 1 and (b) 3 above.

(d) i. A copy of the certificate submitted by Mr. Raman along with a petition is appended (*Appendix II.*)

ii. Yes. A copy of the Land Records Superintendent's recommendation, dated 3—6—06 is appended (*Appendix III.*) The Diwan Peishkar did not make any recommendation but simply forwarded the petition under date 10—6—06.

(e) The particulars required are given below:—

S. P. T. clerk, Diwan Peishkar's Office, Rs. 25 from 6—6—00 to 9—11—00.

Acting clerk, Diwan Peishkar's Office, Rs. 30 from 10—11—00 to 32—11—00.

S. P. T. clerk, Diwan Peishkar's Office, Rs. 25, 1—12—00 to 24—5—01.

Acting clerk, do., from 25—5—01 to 15—3—02.

Acting do. 35, 16—3—02 to 20—3—03.

Do. do. 30, 21—3—03 to 1—10—03.

Do. do. 35, 2—10—03 to 5—12—03.

Permanent clerk on Rs. 25 and S. P. T. on Rs. 35 from 5—12—03 to 10—2—04.

Do. Rs. 30 and 40, 11—12—04 to 12—7—04.

Do. Rs. 35 and 40, 13—7—04 to 15—7—04.

Survey training, Rs. 40, 16—7—04 to 15—1—05.

Permanent clerk on Rs. 35 and S. P. T. clerk, Diwan Peishkar's Office Rs. 40, 16—1—05 to 30—3—05.

Temporary clerk, Rs. 45, 20—5—05 to 3—10—05.

S. P. T. clerk, do., Rs. 40, 4—10—05 to 32—10—05.

Permanent clerk, do, Rs. 40—60 with effect from 1—1—05

Clerk on Rs. 40—60, Rs. 40, 1—11—05 to 4—1—06.

S. P. T. Manager, Land Records Office, Rs. 60 from 5—1—06 to 20—4—06.

Acting Manager, do., Rs. 59, 21—4—06 20—6—06.

S. P. T. do. Rs. 60—21—6—06.

(f) Yes. Copies of the appeal petition and the Diwan's orders on it are appended (*Appendix IV.*)

(g) Yes. He seems to be very distantly related to the Ex-Diwan Peishkar and the Land Records Superintendent.

Road to the Nellayi Railway Station.

163. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state how far the work of the new road to the Nellayi Railway Station has progressed ;

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APPENDIX. 1.

(Vide answer to Question No. 162).

Copy of the Ex-Diwan Peishkar's Service Order No. 72, dated 20th Makaram 1106.

The following re-arrangements of appointments are ordered with effect from 20—6—1106.

1. The permanent places of Messrs. V. K. Gopala Menon, Manager Survey and Land Records Office and K. P. Sankaran Nayar, State Surveyor. Southern Division are mutually transferred.

2. Mr. V. K. Gopala Menon, will join as State Surveyor, Southern Division on the expiry of his leave.

3. Mr. A. R. Raman, S. P. T. State Surveyor, will revert to his permanent place as Revenue Inspector.

4. Mr. C. Sankara Menon, clerk on Rs. 40—60, Diwan Peishkar's Office and acting Manager Survey and Land Records Office, will continue as S. P. T. Manager in place of Mr. K. P. Sankaran Nayar on deputation to H. H. the Valia Amma Raja's Palace.

(Signed) T. M. KRISHNA MENON,
Diwan Peishkar.

APPENDIX II.

(Vide answer to Question No. 162).

Rao Sahib T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar,
Retired Diwan Peishkar,
Trichur.

Mr. A. R. Raman B. A., was specially selected by me four years ago for appointment as Probationary Revenue Inspector, with a view to encourage the Ezhuva community of the State and to train him up eventually for a Tahsildarship. He justified my selection by diligence and earnestness in picking up work during the period of his probation. He bears an excellent character and is thoroughly well behaved. I wish him all manner of success and prosperity in his official career.

(Sd.) T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR,
16th January 1931.

APPENDIX III.

(Vide answer to Question No. 162),

Copy of the Land Records Superintendent's recommendation, dated 3rd Makaram 1106.

Submitted for favourable consideration. The applicant is very quiet and well behaved. In consideration of the rare representation of the Ezhuva community in Government Service the applicant deserves all encouragement.

(Sd.) Superintendent.
3rd Makaram 1106.

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APPENDIX IV (a)

(Vide Answer to Question No. 162.

Copy of the appeal petition put in by Mr. Raman, dated 10th February 1931.

I beg to enclose a copy of a recent service order of the Diwan Peishkar, by which I am to revert to my permanent place of Revenue Inspector on Rs. 40—60 from S. P. T. appointment as State Surveyor on Rs. 60—80. I was holding the State Surveyor's post in the arrangement consequent on the deputation of Mr. K. P. Sankaran Nayar, State Surveyor, to the Valiamma Thampuran Kovilagam estate. By this order Mr. K. P. Sankaran Nayar's permanent place as State Surveyor has been changed to that of Manager, Land Records Office and Mr. V. K. Gopala Menon, permanent Manager transferred as State Surveyor. Thus making the Manager's post vacant, Mr. C. Sankara Menon, a clerk of the Diwan Peishkar's Office, and one far junior to me, has been appointed as S. P. T. Manager on Rs. 60—80.

I was the first Ezhuva graduate to be entertained in the Land Revenue Department as a clerk in the Diwan Peishkar's Office, and afterwards I was selected as Probationary Revenue Inspector (from among several applicants including Mr. C. Sankara Menon who has just been allowed to supersede me) and was confirmed on Rs. 40 so long ago as on the first of Meenam 1102. Mr. C. Sankara Menon, who had no permanent footing in the Service then, was confirmed on Rs. 25 only long afterwards, *i. e.*, on 6th Karkadagam 1103. He was appointed on Rs. 40—60 only very recently, *i. e.*, in Karkadagam last consequent on the general revision. I was trained in Survey in 1102 whereas the present acting Manager was deputed for training only in 1104. I have completed a course of three months Account training in the Office of the Comptroller of Accounts, which training is an additional qualification for me to hold the Manager's post, the present Manager having had no such training. Besides, I have acted as Manager for three months even before the present incumbent was given an acting chance. Again for the State Surveyor's place also, I have got a better claim in view of the fact that I have got experience of field work as Revenue Inspector for about two years, and as State Surveyor for more than 6 months, an experience, which the Superintendent has more than once expressed as essential for appointment either as Manager or as State Surveyor. The junior hand, who has been allowed to step over me, has no field experience as he has worked neither as Revenue Inspector nor as State Surveyor.

The comparative qualifications, being such, Mr. Sankara Menon may claim that he has passed the Revenue Test. Though according to Standing Orders, Test qualification is necessary for appointment in grades on Rs. 40—60 and above, this was not generally insisted upon especially in the case of graduates, possessing practical experience. There are several instances of graduates holding appointments in grades of Rs. 40—60 and above who have not passed the prescribed Tests (*e. g.*, Mr. V. K. Gopala Menon, State Surveyor; Mr. C. P. Achyuta Menon, Chittur Tahsildar, Mr. V. K. Narayana Menon, the first Probationary Revenue Inspector confirmed and promoted to higher grades before passing the Tests, etc., etc.) I have already earned an increment in my permanent grade on Rs. 40—60. If this test rule is enforced in all its rigidity, the present acting Manager will also be found wanting in that he has not passed the Account Test. During my period of probation of 2 years, I have undergone training in the following branches of work:—

1. 6 months Survey training.

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2. 6 months training in the Diwan Peishkar's Office (in addition to having worked there as clerk prior to my selection.)
3. 3 months village training.
4. 3 months Treasury and Taluk training.
5. 3 months training in the Oodupulli work.
6. 3 months Accounts training in the Office of the Comptroller of Accounts.

I am one of the only two hands among the whole Land Revenue establishment who have been allowed to have such a full course of training. Thus unlike Mr. Sankara Menon, I have had sufficient practical training in Revenue and Account work though I have not actually passed the Test which however, I hoped to get through in the next chance.

Another point which may be raised is that Mr. C. Sankara Menon has longer service than myself though I have got earlier confirmation and that in a high grade. "Promotions should be given as a rule in the order of seniority" and 'seniority in a grade for purposes of promosion should be counted from the date of permanent appointment to that grade" (S. O. No. 17). It has already been pointed out that I have got 4 years' permanent service on Rs. 40 whereas Mr. Sankara Menon was confirmed on Rs. 40 only very recently. If longer period is the criterion for promotion, then Mr. C. Sankara Menon ought to have been placed over Mr. V. K. Narayana Menon the present Head clerk of the Diwan Peishkar's Office. According to the policy hitherto followed, this argument of longer service cannot in any way hold good. Further, when I was selected as Probationary Revenue Inspector from among the graduate clerks including the present acting Manager, there was nobody to protest. I am enclosing copy of a certificate of merit and good conduct, won from the retired Diwan Peishkar, Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturiranga Ayyar, who has therein recorded his aims and special reasons for selecting me for the post.

The present Diwan Peishkar also has more than once duly recognized my seniority over Mr. Sankara Menon. Firstly when Mr. Sankara Menon was only doing duty as Manager in the place of one Mr. A. Subramania Ayyar, drawing only Rs. 35 without any allowance or increase of pay, I was appointed in Meenam 1105 as State Surveyor on Rs. 60—80. Secondly on the expiry of my acting period as State Surveyor I was appointed as acting Manager on Rs 60—80 in Medam last, reverting Mr. A. Subramania Ayyar and sending back Mr. Sankara Menon as clerk on Rs. 35. (Vide Diwan Peishkar's C. No. 5706 of 1101 dated 21st Vrischigam 1105 and S. O. No. 51, dated 6th Meenam 1105, C. No 4909 of 1105). Recently, there were two vancancies in the 60—80 grade of the Land Record establishment, one acting and the other s. p. t. and of these I was allowed to hold the s. p. t., while Mr. Sankara Menon was given only the acting thereby once more recognizing my seniority. (Vide Diwan Peishkar's S. O. No. 3 of 1106, dated 3rd Chingam 1106 and S. O. No. 58 of 1106, P. 913 of 1106, dated 28th Vrischigam 1106)

It may be clear from the facts and circumstance stated above that I am by far a better claimant to the grade of Rs. 60—80 than Mr. C. Sankara Menon, and my reversion to a lower grade than his, has become a cause of great grievance to me. I therefore pray that the Diwan may be pleased to recognize my seniority over Mr. Sankara Menon and to order my reinstatement on the 60—80 grade as Manager of the Land Records Office.

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(b)

Diwan's Proceedings.

Read (1) appeal petitions from Messrs. V. K. Gopala Menon, State Surveyor and A. R. Raman, Revenue Inspector, against the Diwan Peishkar's order of appointment of Mr. C. Sankara Menon as s. p. t. Manager of the Land Record's Office.

(2) Remarks reference on C. No. 4534 of 1106, dated 25th February 1931, from the Diwan Peishkar.

Order dated, 19th March 1931, Dis. No. 2127/D/1106.

Mr. Raman is senior to Mr. Sankara Menon. Neither has passed all the tests prescribed for holding the post of Manager. Sankara Menon has passed the Revenue Test and undergone Survey Training. Raman has undergone Survey and Account Training and has acted as a Revenue Inspector. The Diwan can find nothing to choose between their respective qualifications and since Raman is senior to Sankara Menon he should be appointed as Manager. He must pass the necessary tests at the next examination.

2. V. K. Gopala Menon may be asked to continue as State Surveyor.

(True extract)

(Sd.) Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Diwan Peishkar.

APPENDIX A.

(*Vide Answer to Question Nos. 164 and 172.*)

REPORT SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENT BY THE COLLEGE COUNCIL ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COLLEGE, CONSEQUENT ON ITS PROPOSED TRANSFER TO ANAPPARA.

I. PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS.

The establishment of a completely residential College at a place like Anappara (near Trichur)—as is proposed by the Government—is indeed in the nature of a unique educational experiment, at any rate, in South India. So far as our knowledge goes, no such residential College seems to exist in this part of the country at present. The Union Christian College at Alwaye is an attempt in this direction but it is not residential, so far as the staff is concerned, nor has it to its credit, such extensive grounds, as it is the intention of our Government to acquire for the College at Anappara. We have no doubt that this project contemplated by the Government is fraught with limitless possibilities in the future as will be hailed with rejoicing by all those who are interested in sound educational progress.

In view of the out-of-the-way and sequestered character of the place selected by Government for the location of the College, viz. Anappara which is a sort of virgin forest, about 3 or 4 miles distant from Trichur it becomes necessary for Government to establish an educational colony, rather than a mere college, at the place. In consequence, the requirements not only of an educational institution will have to be provided there but those of a colony. Residential quarters will have to be provided for the entire body of students and for the entire staff, comprising, not only of the teaching staff, but the clerical and menial staffs as well. Further, such accessories—not strictly educational in character—as a Guest House, a Co-operative Credit Society, a Co-operative Stores, a Hospital or Dispensary, a Post and Telegraph Office

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